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NOVEMBER, 2008

HARC OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: HOWARD BARNES, KØDFW
V-PRES: J.D. SINCLAIR, WØAJD
SECRETARY: FRED MILLER, KBØWIL
TREASURER: TONY GILLILAND, WØPGL
TRUSTEE: CLIFF AHRENS, KØCA
EDITOR: BONNIE SINCLAIR, WBØWAP

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!
MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!



WHERE'S THE TURKEY!!!!!!!!!!

Next Meeting: Wednesday
NOV 12, 2008 at 7:30 PM

Regular Meetings are held at Beth Haven Nursing Home, 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal, Mo. Enter at the main entrance; turn left through the lounge area to the elevator. Take the elevator down to the first floor, and go to your right/left around the corner, down the hall to the cafeteria.

FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2009
Hannibal, MO ARC 2009 Exam Dates

Wednesday, January 14, 2009 - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 8, 2009 - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 8, 2009 - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 14, 2009 - 8:30 p.m.

Exams will take place at 8:30 PM after the regular scheduled HARC meeting. The exam session will be at the Beth Haven Nursing Home, in the Cafeteria on the 1st (lower) Floor, 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal, MO. Registration is required at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Fred Miller- KBØWIL at kb0wil@arrl.net or 573-221-2429.

The 2009 test fee will be \$14.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.

HANNIBAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

MINUTES**By Fred Miller, KBØWIL****MINUTES OF THE MEETING****Date:** October 8th, 2008**Location:** Beth Haven Nursing Home 2500 Pleasant St. Hannibal Mo. 63401

Meeting called to order by: Howie-KØDFW

Approval of minutes in last newsletter:

Motion to approve: Cliff-KØCA

Seconded by: Mark-NØZOF

REPEATER REPORT:

Tony-WØPGL & Fred-KBØWIL

We still have the occasional cracking noise, on the 625 repeater when we have windy conditions. So, we still need to plan on having a tower climber check out the antenna in the near future. We voted to let the repeater committee, decide on the tower climber. The tuning of the 625 repeater went successfully, on (September 11th, 2008) with no problems reported in accessing it. We have taken up a collection to purchase a new Kenwood TKR-750 repeater system, for the 625 repeater.

Motion to approve: Carol-WA9EFV

Seconded by: Cliff-KØCA

If anyone wishes to donate to the fund, please contact any of the club officers.

The 146.880 machine had lost its CW transmit ID, Tony-WØPGL and Fred-KBØWIL were able to get this problem fixed, so we now have the CW-ID working as intended. **Please note:** Both machines now have the tone frequency of 103.5 to access them. We also voted on obtaining a free 440 machine, that Jack-WD9CHG informed the officers about. We decided on reimbursing whoever drove to pick it up for the cost of the fuel.

Motion to approve: Cliff-KØCA

Seconded by: Mark-NØZOF

**December meeting: Dec. 10th, 2008**

We decided to have a small carry in of snacks, as we have done for the past couple of years. Chips, cookies, sandwiches, etc. Whatever you wish to bring.

HARC Supper on Saturday February 7th, 2009:

We decided to have our annual supper/get-together again on February 7th, 2009. We will have it again at the Golden Corral, Time 6:00PM. Fred-KBØWIL is in charge of reserving a room for us. Everyone is responsible for payment of their meal. We will be sitting in the non-smoking section.

Note: We will not have a regular scheduled meeting in February, due to our supper/get-together.

HARC Barbeque August 2009:

We voted tonight to have our annual club barbeque on Saturday August 1st, 2009. It will be at Huckleberry Park Pavilion. Fred-KBØWIL will take care of the reservations for the pavilion.

Note: The Quincy hamfest is on Saturday August 8th, 2009, so this won't conflict with that date.

Donation:

Kermit Craig-KØZXQ donated a very nice MFJ 24/UTC Clock to the club. We auctioned it off tonight. Howie-KØDFW was our official club auctioneer. J.D.-WØAJD was the highest bidder.

(He had to get a loan from Bonnie-WBØWAP to pay for it though). So it really belongs to Bonnie, and J.D. can just look at it on the wall. Thanks again to Kermit, for the great donation to the club.

50/50 Won by:

Fred-KBØWIL won the 50/50 and he donated it back to the club, thanks Fred, the club appreciates it.

VE Testing:

We had our test session tonight (Wed) October 8th, 2008 at approximately 8:30 PM, right after the club meeting. We had one participant from the club, who took a test. Thank you to the following VE's who helped with the exam session. Cliff-KØCA, Bonnie-WBØWAP, J.D.-WØAJD, and Fred-KBØWIL.

NOTE: Congratulations to Mel, KCØHYY on updating to General on October 14, 2008!!

Number of members present: 17

Number of guests: 3

Total in attendance: 20

Motion to adjourn:

Mark-NØZOF

Seconded by: Ed-NØWNV

TREASURERS REPORT: TONY-WØPGL

Cash-\$729.61 CD-\$1,244.99 Total-\$1,974.60

Motion to approve: Cliff-KØCA

Seconded by: Ann-KB9BAL



**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK
NOVEMBER 2008
BY HOWARD BARNES K0DFW**

Man it's November already!! Where has time gone to. Seems like it was just yesterday that I was changing the oil on my riding mower so that my wife could mow the yard !!! What a guy I am !!! I have to keep her busy or she has a way of getting into things!

November that means cold weather and snow and ice and deer season! To me that last one means a lot of work! Its that time of year when I have to take in enough work to keep me busy for the next year. This year may be a little slow with the economy being down but things are improving with gas getting back down where it should be and food should be starting to come down with the price of grain falling and the general slow down of the world economy. I just wouldn't want to have much money in stocks right now! Things are on a nose dive there, but as they say that is the time to buy and make money. It's going to go up. It just is going to take a while to start getting back up there.

This is election time and we are electing a president this time. My best suggestion is for you to do your research before you decide to vote. There is a really "big" difference this time in the two candidates and its not too hard for me to figure out which one to vote for. I am looking for one that will protect our nation from our enemies and will uphold the constitution. The voting is going to be hot and heavy and you need to get out and make yourself heard. Vote!!!!

I just ordered a new Kenwood repeater for the club to put in our 146.625 site. This is the repeater that the club, and the repeater committee has decided on getting. I want to take a minute to thank all the club members that have donated

out of their Christmas stashes to help the club to swing a new repeater. I want to thank Tommy White KA0EJQ who owns A&W Communications of Eolia, Mo. for letting us have the repeater at his cost and helping us set it up. None of this would have happened without everyone's donations. This should set us up with a really nice repeater for the .625 machine and now we have updated both of our repeaters including the .88 machine. I want to thank Fred KB0WIL and Jack WD9CHG for all the tech work that these two guys do for the club on the repeaters. Thanks guys!!!

The club has come up with a repeater for 440 mhz. that Jack WD9CHG came up with and we have been debating as what to do with it. If you have any ideas come to the next meeting and tell us your thoughts. Anyway this is a future project that we are working on. Anyone have a 1000 ft. tower that your not using let us know and we may put a 440 antenna on it!!!!

You need to be thinking about electing next year officers. We need nominations at the November meeting and elect officers at the December meeting. Be thinking about it!

December meeting we are going to have a carry in for Christmas snacks and have a leisure meeting. Bring some Christmas snacks, a few jokes, and stories to tell, and we will have a social meeting. We need to be thinking about who we are going to give the Amateur of the Year Award to this year. So be thinking about it!

With November comes long path communications on 40, 80 and 160. This a great time of the year to pick up some new ones to put on your list. They say we are at the bottom of the sun spot cycle. Man I miss 10 meters and 10 watts. Oh well, I guess it will be back someday.

Anyway get out the vote an I will see you at the next club meeting on November 12 at Beth Haven Nursing Home at 7:30 PM.

73s
Howard
k0dfw



DX & Computer Horizons November 2008 by Cliff Ahrens K0CA

Many of our local DXers took a break from DX'ing recently to work stations on behalf of in the Illinois QSO Party. The WIARC is the sponsor of this QSO party. It's an eight hour event, and this year participants planned to activate all Illinois counties, which makes it especially attractive for county hunters. I enjoyed operating CW using the callsign W9AWE from the comfort of Mike and Arlyce Nowack's newly remodeled family room. It was a pleasant respite from previous excursions fighting the Japanese beetles in a cornfield. An added bonus was the great food and munchies that Arlyce fixed.

The touch of fall weather and the few sunspots which have showed up recently have combined with some good DX on the bands to make October a good month for DXers. November promises more of the same. Here's some upcoming DX to watch for in November.

6W Senegal and J5 Guinea Bissau. Peter HA3AUI plans to be on the air from November 15, 2008 until March 31, 2009. He will sign 6W2SC from Senegal and J5UPAP from Guinea Bissau. QSL via HA3AUI direct or via bureau.

ZA, Albania. Raul, XE1MO plans to operate on SSB only as ZA1/XE1MO from November 1-9. QSL via XE1MO or KE5FAH.

3W Vietnam. Mike RL3BM and Arkady UA4CC plan to operate from Vietnam November from 5 to 13. Callsigns will be XV4BM and XV4CC. QSL via their respective home calls.

Around the World

YA Afghanistan. Frank PA2MRX plans to sign T6/PA2MRX from Afghanistan between October 16 and November 7. Operating times will be approximately 1430-1730z. He plans to be on the air on CW, PSK31, and RTTY. QSLI via PA2MRX.

There's also some great contests coming in November, including:
November 1-3 -- ARRL CW Sweepstakes
November 15-17 -- ARRL SSB Sweepstakes
November 29-30 -- CQ WW DX CW (here's a chance to work lots of DX!)

There's a new, free benefit available online for ARRL members -- QST magazine archives with PDF copies of all QST articles from December 1915 through December 2004. The ARRL Periodicals Archive and Search also lists articles from QEX from 1981 to the present, *Ham Radio* from 1968 to 1990, and *NCJ* from 1973 to the present. Here's the link to the magazine archives: <http://www.arrrl.org/members-only/qgnsearch.html>
ARRL membership is \$39 per year in the US. For a complete list of membership benefits and dues, and to join ARRL or renew your membership, please visit the ARRL Membership web page: www.arrrl.org/join.

Thanks to the ARRL DX Bulletin, the Daily DX and the Ohio/Penn DX bulletin for some of the information in this month's column. 73 and good DX, Cliff KOCA

HARC MONDAY NIGHT NET CALL LIST, NOV 2008

3	WØPGL	TONY
10	N9UPG	BILL
17	KB9VIS	BRIAN
24	WØAJD	JD

Thanks to all of you who do this!!



December meeting: Dec. 10th, 2008

Listen Up! As well as some good munchies, we are planning on having our own talented club musicians play us some music at the December meeting. Tony Gilliland and his group have agreed to entertain us, and Lyle and his Dad have also volunteered to entertain us with their musical talents. I can't wait! Be sure to come and join us for a good time with good friends.

Bonnie, WBØWAP

FOR SALE:

1. 50 foot of rom, 25 tower and a few short sticks.....with a hy-gain CD-45-II , Like a Ham 2 Rotor,,Controller and 70 foot + control cable..... All new bearings and checked out..... \$175.00

2. MFJ -1798 Vertical Antenna Covers 2 meters 6,10,12,15,27,20,30,40,80 Have talked on it all bands but 30.. seems to be a great antenna.....Only a year old.....\$175.00 I use a antenna tuner with and have no problem. I've got one I'd even part with.

Larry WA6JMR 573-248-1057
IF NO ANSWER, LEAVE A MESSAGE.

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